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SECTION I (U)**SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES****1. (U) Assigned and attached units 1 February to 30 April 1967:**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
H & H Btry 5/27 Arty	1 Feb to 30 Apr 67
Btry A 5/27 Arty	1 Feb to 30 Apr 67
Btry B 5/27 Arty	1 Feb to 30 Apr 67
Btry C 5/27 Arty	1 Feb to 11 Apr 67 (Presently attached to 6/32 Arty)
Svc Btry 5/27 Arty	1 Feb to 30 Apr 67
Btry B 3/18 Arty	1 Feb to 12 Apr 67
Btry A 6/32 Arty	9 Apr to 30 Apr 67
Metro/8/26 Arty	8 Feb to 30 Apr 67
Radar/8/26	9 Feb to 1 Apr 67
1/A/4/60 & MG Sect 41 Arty	28 Mar to 12 Apr 67

2. (U) Intelligence:

a. Throughout the reporting period this unit coordinated and received intelligence from the following:

- (1) 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.
- (2) 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.
- (3) 47th ARVN Infantry Regiment.
- (4) 25th ROK Infantry Regiment.
- (5) 9th ROK Army Infantry Division.

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- (6) CAP ROK Infantry Division.
- (7) Tuy Hoa Sub Area Command.
- (8) Sector Operations and Intelligence Center, Tuy Hoa.
- (9) Tuy Hoa Air Force Base.
- (10) National Police Headquarters, Tuy Hoa.

b. Intelligence received was used to prepare harassing and interdiction fires on suspected and confirmed enemy locations and avenues of approach. When available, aircraft were used to conduct registrations (two registrations per battery per week average).

3. (C) Operations and Training Activities

a. Operations

(1) During the reporting period the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery participated in the following Operations:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
ADAMS	26 October to 2 April 1967
BALI MA	29 January to 11 April 1967
Highway 21 Clearing Operation	13 February to 18 February 1967
OH-CHAK KYO I	8 March to 18 April 1967
TIGER 9	12 March to 18 April 1967
SUMMERALL	29 March to 11 April 1967
OH-CHAK KYO II	18 April to Present

(2) Operation ADAMS:

(a) Operation ADAMS commenced on 26 October 1966 and ended 2 April 1967. Concept of Operation: One Brigade, 4th Infantry Division with approximately three battalions, in coordination with the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment, conducts search and destroy and rice harvest protection operations in designated area of operation and protects engineer reconnaissance parties conducting survey of Highways 1 and 6B within the area of operation. Mission of the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery is general support reinforcing.

(b) At the beginning of this reporting period, Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at CQ153526 with the mission of GSR to 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery. Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at CQ081876 with the mission of GS to the 47th ARVN Regiment.

(c) On 1 February 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery received a total of 15 mortar rounds from two mortar positions. Results: no equipment damage or personnel injured. One mortar position was taken under direct fire by the battery and the mortar was silenced.

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(d) Batteries A and B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery ceased firing from 0700 hours 8 February 1967 to 0700 hours 12 February 1967 in observance of TET.

(e) On 11 February 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ144566. Mission: GSR 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery. Battery B 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ108782 with mission of GS to the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment.

(f) On 12 February 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ156477 and on 13 February 1967 displaced to CQ135526 with mission of GSR to the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(g) On 18 February 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from road clearing operation of Highway 21 and on 20 February 1967 entered Operation ADAMS. Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at CQ253353 with mission of reinforcing the 4th Infantry Division Artillery. Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery changed their mission from GSR 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery to DS Task Force 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry (Task Force IVY).

(h) On 21 February 1967 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ081876 with no change in mission. Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ112674 with no change in mission.

(i) On 23 February 1967 Metro Section, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery was released from Operation BAEK M. and entered Operation ADAMS. The Section displaced to CQ253353.

(j) On 24 February 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 6 VC KIA (BC) and one weapon captured.

(k) On 25 February 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 3 Will Adjust missions resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC), 4 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA captured, 1 bunker destroyed, 2 buildings destroyed and 1 building damaged.

(l) On 28 February 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to BQ963787 with no change of mission.

(m) On 6 March 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from Operation ADAMS and displaced to CQ253353 with mission of GSR to the 9th Republic of Korea Division. The mission of Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was changed from reinforcing the 4th Infantry Division to DS 3rd Battalion, 12 Infantry.

(n) On 6 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 3 VC WIA.

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(o) On 9 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (EST).

(p) On 11 March 1967 1 Platoon, Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ151485 with no change of mission. During the movement the platoon encountered a road block at CQ144534. They moved through it with no casualties and silenced 1 MG.

(q) On 12 March 1967 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from Operation ADAMS and mission changed to GSR to Capital Republic of Korea Infantry Division.

(r) On 14 March 1967 1 Platoon, Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery rejoined Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(s) On 15 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 2 Will Adjust missions resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC) and 1 radio destroyed.

(t) On 17 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ072716 with mission remaining the same. Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 2 Will Adjust missions resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC KIA (EST).

(u) On 18 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 5 Will Adjust missions resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC KIA (EST), 2 VC WIA, 4 M-26 hand grenades and 1 Mauser captured.

(v) On 21 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ112674 with no change in mission.

(w) On 23 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 2 VC KIA (EST). On 24 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ141543 with no change in mission.

(x) On 25 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to BQ860573 with mission remaining the same and on 26 March 1967 fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA.

(y) On 27 March 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), on 29 March 1967 fired 1 Will Adjust mission resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC).

(z) On 2 April 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ251345 with no change in mission. Effective 2400 hours 2 April 1967 Operation ADAMS terminated.

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(aa) Extensive Harassing and Interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	3,434
Will Adjust	295
Registrations	219
Defensive Concentrations	152
Illumination	58
Preparations	24
Destruction	4
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	28,188

(ab) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None

(2) Enemy Losses: 123 VC killed in action (body count)
63 VC killed in action (estimate)
30 VC wounded in action
3 VC suspects captured
1 rifle captured
18 weapons captured
19 buildings destroyed
3 buildings damaged
5 enemy sampans destroyed
2 bunkers destroyed
1 tunnel destroyed
1 radio destroyed
Captured: 4 M26 grenades, 2 pigs, electrical wire cable, medicine, box with maps, overlays, rubber stamp and official documents.

(3) Operation BAEK MA

(a) Operation BAEK MA commenced on 29 January 1967 and terminated for this battalion on 11 April 1967. Concept of Operation: The 9th Republic of Korea Division conducts search and destroy operations within area of operation to destroy VC/NVA forces. Battery C(-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery were assigned the mission of general support reinforcing the 9th Republic of Korea Division Artillery.

(b) At the beginning of this reporting period Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at BP778677 and Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery was located at BP944565 with both units having the mission of general support reinforcing to the 9th Republic of Korea Division. The Tactical Command Post, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was co-located with Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery and remained with them until 17 March 1967.

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(c) On 3 February 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC). Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired 1 Will Adjust mission resulting in 1 hut destroyed.

(d) On 4 February 1967, Brigadier General de Saussure I FFORCEV ARTY Commander, fired the 50,000 round fired in combat by Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(e) On 6 February 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to BP847570 with mission of GSR to the 9th Republic of Korea Division Artillery.

(f) On 8 February 1967 the perimeter of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery was probed at 0230 hours for approximately 10 minutes. Small arms fire was received and some explosives were set off - believed to be $\frac{1}{2}$ lb plastic type. 1 man was injured in the Republic of Korea Army Security Force. No equipment damage or injury to US personnel was sustained.

(g) Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery ceased fire from 0700 hours 8 February to 0700 hours 12 February 1967 in observance of TET.

(h) On 8 February 1967 Metro Section, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery became attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery. The Section took up position at BP944565 with mission to support artillery in Operation BAEK MA.

(i) On 10 February 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to CP009605 with mission unchanged.

(j) On 11 February 1967 Battery C(-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to BP846568 with no change in mission.

(k) On 13 February 1967 Battery C(-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from Operation BAEK MA and displaced to BP760875 with mission of reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery in clearing Route 21 from Ninh Hoa to Thaht Duong.

(l) On 15 February 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to BP904835 with mission remaining the same. Metro Section, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery displaced to BP904835 with no change in mission.

(n) On 21 February 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired 35 Harassing and Interdiction missions resulting in 6 VC KIA (IC).

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(n) On 23 February 1967 Metro, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery was released from Operation BAEK MA and displaced to CQ253353 with mission of supporting Operation ADAMS.

(o) On 28 February 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to BP062767, mission remaining the same.

(p) On 1 March 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired 1 Will Adjust mission resulting in 3 bunkers being destroyed and several fires being started.

(q) On 12 March 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired 1 Will Adjust mission resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (EST), 3 buildings and 1 bunker destroyed.

(r) On 27 March 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to BP869866 with mission remaining the same.

(s) On 28 March 1967 an Automatic Weapons Platoon from Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery became attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery with mission of reinforcing Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery. They were positioned at BP869866.

(t) On 31 March 1967 one platoon of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, one Section of First Platoon, Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery and one Machine Gun Section, Battery E, 41st Artillery displaced to BP758878 and were released from Operation BAEK MA. They were given the mission of General Support Reinforcing to the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery.

(u) On 11 April 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, First Platoon, Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery and one Machine Gun Section of Battery E, 41st Artillery displaced to CPO51305 and were detached from 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 12 April 1967.

(v) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	346
Will Adjust	33
Registrations	44
Defensive Concentrations	121
Illumination	1
Preparations	99
Destruction	5
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	5,135

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(n) On 23 February 1967 Metro, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery was released from Operation BAEK MA and displaced to CQ253353 with mission of supporting Operation ADAMS.

(o) On 28 February 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to BP062767, mission remaining the same.

(p) On 1 March 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired 1 Will Adjust mission resulting in 3 bunkers being destroyed and several fires being started.

(q) On 12 March 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired 1 Will Adjust mission resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (EST), 3 buildings and 1 bunker destroyed.

(r) On 27 March 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to BP869866 with mission remaining the same.

(s) On 28 March 1967 an Automatic Weapons Platoon from Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery became attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery with mission of reinforcing Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery. They were positioned at BP869866.

(t) On 31 March 1967 one platoon of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, one Section of First Platoon, Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery and one Machine Gun Section, Battery E, 41st Artillery displaced to BP758878 and were released from Operation BAEK MA. They were given the mission of General Support Reinforcing to the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery.

(u) On 11 April 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, First Platoon, Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery and one Machine Gun Section of Battery E, 41st Artillery displaced to CP051305 and were detached from 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 12 April 1967.

(v) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	346
Will Adjust	33
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(w) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None

(2) Enemy Losses: 40 VC killed in action (body count)
9 rifles captured
9 shotguns captured
3 automatic rifles captured
2 sub machine-guns captured
2 pistols captured
1 light machine-gun captured
15 insect bombs captured
43 raincoats captured
36 uniforms captured
6 tents captured
14 cots captured
3 buildings destroyed
1 building damaged
4 bunkers destroyed.

(4) Highway 21 Road Clearing Operation

(a) Highway 21 Road Clearing Operation began on 13 February 1967 and ended on 20 February 1967. Concept of Operation: 1 Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, with 1 Battalion, cleared and secured Highway 21 from Ninh Hoa west to Thanh Duong.

(b) At the start of this operation Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from Operation BAEK MA and displaced to EP760875, mission reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(c) On 18 February 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from Highway 21 Road Clearing Operation and displaced to CQ253353 with mission of reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(e) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	74
Will Adjust	4
Registrations	3
Defensive Concentrations	2
Illumination	1
Time on Target	1
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	662

(f) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None

(2) Enemy Losses: Target area will covered.

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(5) Operation OH CHAK KYO I

(a) Operation OH CHAK KYO I commenced on 8 March 1967 and ended on 18 April 1967. Concept of Operation: The 28th Regiment, 9th Republic of Korea Division, with three battalions, conducts search and destroy operations in area of operations. The mission of the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery is General Support Reinforcing to the 9th Republic of Korea Division Artillery. Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ003355.

(b) On 9 March 1967, Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

(c) On 13 March 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ029364 with no change in mission.

(d) On 24 March 1967 Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 2 VC KIA (EST).

(e) On 26 March 1967, Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ253353 and on 1 April 1967 displaced to CQ134526 with no change of mission.

(f) On 7 April 1967, Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ081876 with the mission of General Support Reinforcing to the Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division. Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ134525 with the mission of General Support Reinforcing to the 9th Republic of Korea Division Artillery.

(g) On 11 April 1967, Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was detached from 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and attached to the 6th Battalion, 32nd Artillery.

(h) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	146
Will Adjust	4
Registrations	11
Illumination	8
Preparations	29
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	1,665

(i) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None

(2) Enemy Losses: 1 VC killed in action (body count)
2 VC killed in action (estimate)**CONFIDENTIAL**

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(6) Operation TIGER 9

(a) Operation TIGER 9 commenced on 12 March 1967 and ended on 18 April 1967. Concept of Operation: Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division with approximately 5 battalions in coordination with 2 battalions of the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment conducts search and destroy operations in area of operations, provide security of Highway 1, and provide security for engineer parties. The mission of Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery is General Support Reinforcing to Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division.

(b) At the beginning of this operation Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at CQ081876, mission of General Support Reinforcing to Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division. Metro Section, 8th Target Acquisition Battalion 26th Artillery was located at CQ253353 with mission to support artillery participating in Operation TIGER 9.

(c) On 2 April 1967 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a Preparation of 132 rounds in support of Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division.

(d) On 7 April 1967 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CRO61009. Mission remained the same. Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery entered Operation TIGER 9 and displaced to CQ081876 with mission of General Support Reinforcing to the Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division.

(e) On 10 April 1967 Battery A, 6th Battalion, 32nd Artillery became attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and entered Operation TIGER 9. Battery A displaced to CQ071714 with mission of General Support Reinforcing to Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division.

(f) On 11 April 1967 the Tactical Command Post, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to CQ081876 (co-located with Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery) and remained for the duration of the Operation.

(g) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	541
Will Adjust	14
Registrations	16
Defensive Concentrations	6
Illumination	4
Preparation	9
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	7,762

(h) Results:

- (1) Friendly Losses: None
- (2) Enemy Losses: Target area well covered.

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(7) Operation SUMMERALL:

(a) Operations SUMMERALL commenced on 29 March 1967 and terminated for this Battalion on 11 April 1967. Concept of Operation: 1 Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (3 battalions) conduct search and destroy operations in area of operation and provide Highway security for Highway 21.

(b) On 31 March 1967 One Platoon of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to BP758878 with mission of General Support Reinforcing to the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery. One Section of Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery (Automatic Weapons Self Propelled) and 1 Machine Gun Section from Battery E, 41st Artillery was co-located with Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery with mission of reinforcing Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery.

(c) On 11 April 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, One Platoon of Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery (Automatic Weapons Self Propelled) and 1 Machine Gun Section from Battery E, 41st Artillery displaced to CP051305 and were detached from the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 12 April 1967.

(d) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	16
Registrations	1
Defensive Concentrations	10
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	93

(e) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None

(2) Enemy Losses: Target areas well covered.

(8) Operation OH CHAK KYO II

(a) Operation OH CHAK KYO II commenced on 18 April 1967 and is presently in progress. Concept of Operation: Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division (with approximately 5 battalions) in coordination with the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment (with 2 battalions) conducts search and destroy operations within area of operations, provide security of Highway 1, and provide security for engineer work parties. The mission of 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery is General Support Reinforcing to Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division.

(b) At the beginning of the operation Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at CQ081876, Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at CQ061009, Battery A, 6th Battalion, 32nd Artillery was located at CQ071714, Metro, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery was located at CQ253353, and the Battalion's Tactical Command Post was located at CQ081876.

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(c) On 19 April 1967 Metro Section, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery displaced to CQ081876 with no change in mission.

(d) On 25 April 1967 Battery A, 6th Battalion, 32nd Artillery fired 3 Will Adjust missions resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC), 2 houses destroyed and 1000 lbs (estimate) of rice being scattered.

(e) On 26 April 1967 Battery A, 6th Battalion, 32nd Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 5 VC KIA (EST).

(f) On 30 April 1967 Battery A, 6th Battalion, 32nd Artillery fired a Will Adjust mission resulting in 1 house destroyed and 1000 lbs (estimate) of rice scattered.

(g) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type:

Harassing and Interdiction	568
Will Adjust	7
Registrations	7
Destruction	1
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	2,978

(h) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None

(2) Enemy Losses: 1 VC killed in action (body count)
5 VC killed in action (estimate)
3 houses destroyed
2000 lbs (estimate) of rice scattered.

(9) Defense of Nha Trang Complex:

One platoon (two 105mm howitzers) has been positioned in Nha Trang with the mission of defense of the Nha Trang complex. At the start of the reporting period this platoon was detached from Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and was replaced by the First Platoon of Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 19 February 1967. On 5 April 1967, the First Platoon of Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery relieved the platoon from Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery of this mission. The platoon is currently attached to the 5th Special Forces Group. The platoon requirement for Nha Trang is rotated monthly among the firing batteries of this battalion.

b. Training: During the reporting period this battalion instituted and continued to conduct many programs oriented to increase the efficiency of this command and enhance operational capabilities. The battalion instituted a mobile training team (FMO and Firing Battery) to give refresher training to all units. This team also spent eight days at the Dong Tre CIDG camp training CIDG personnel in fire direction and firing battery procedures.

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4. (U) Civil Affairs: The civic action program within the battalion continues to give medical aid to the Dong Toc refugee village. The battalion surgeon, prior to his departure on 16 April 1967, treated 438 people for various ailments within the reporting period.

5. (U) Personnel

a. During the reporting period this unit continually received personnel replacements to offset programmed and unprogrammed losses. As a result, only one MOS (13B40) remains critical. Currently, the battalion is short 15 personnel with MOS 13B40. All shortages are in the grade E6 and it is this lack of experience which causes this MOS to be considered critical.

b. This unit has an immediate and pressing need for a personnel warrant officer. Since 26 February 1967, this battalion has been without a personnel warrant in spite of numerous efforts to secure a replacement. In April, an informal notice was received from USARV G1 that implied that the next personnel warrant to arrive in country would be assigned to this unit. No relief from this problem appears imminent. In addition, a definite need exists for a Surgeon (O-3), Reconnaissance and Survey Officer (O-2) and a Signal Corps Officer (O-2)

c. The morale of the troops remains high.

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SECTION II (C) COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PART I

OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

6. (C) Operations

a. ITEM: Language problem for US Artillery supporting non-English speaking Allied Forces.

DISCUSSION: To provide timely and accurate fire on the target requires the Fire Direction Center to understand the observer's transmission with no possibility of error. The experience of this battalion has been, even with English speaking Allies (Korean and Vietnamese), a great deal of misinterpretation is encountered in the radio/telephone communications.

OBSERVATION: By exchanging liaison personnel between the US and the Allied FDC, this misinterpretation is eliminated. The Allied interpreter talks to his countrymen in their native language and then translates the mission to the US personnel at either the US or Allied FDC. This eye to eye contact eliminates mistakes.

b. ITEM: Communications over extended distances.

DISCUSSION: This battalion has repeatedly operated with a battalion front of from 150 to 180 KM. The successful exercise of command and control over this distance requires an efficient and direct communications system. The present command wide VHF system is inadequate for field units. Thus, the only system available is FM radio.

OBSERVATION: The utilization of AN/VRC 49's strategically placed at radio relay sights on high mountains will increase the rated range of the FM radios threefold. By using one AN/VRC 49 this battalion has been in constant radio contact with units over this 150KM front.

PART II (C)

RECOMMENDATIONS

ITEM: Base Camp Security.

DISCUSSION: The base camp complex of the Tuy Hoa Sub Area has three villages located along the coast adjacent to its perimeter. As a result, the village inhabitants must pass through the base camp perimeter when traveling to inland locations. To provide the villagers this access, lanes have been provided for them to traverse through the base camp complex. This has

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resulted in dividing the base camp into three separate security areas. This greatly increases the total perimeter that must be manned and reduces the capability to provide immediate responsive support between units in the base camp utilising interior lines of communication.

RECOMMENDATION: That villages located on the beach adjacent to the Tuy Hoa Sub Area be relocated, thus allowing the Sub Area to have a contiguous perimeter.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 30 April 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65) (5th Bn, 27th Arty) (U)

HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY, APO 96350 18 May 67

TO: Commanding General, I Field Force Vietnam ATTN: AVFA-GC-OT,
APO 96350

Concur with observations and recommendations contained in basic
communication.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Leo E. Ellis
LEO E. ELLIS
LTC, Arty
Adjutant

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SUBJ: Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending 30 April 1967 (U)

HEADQUARTERS, 1 FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350

26 MAY 1967

To: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, APO 96307

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the contents of the Operational report for the Quarterly period ending 30 April 1967, of the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery with the following comments.

2. (U) Reference Section I, paragraph 5 - Personnel: Concur.

a. Currently, there is a command wide shortage of MOS 13B40 and USARV has indicated a monthly flow of approximately 20 for the entire command. Until such time as an adequate replacement flow can be accomplished, all units must train and promote, where possible, personnel in MOS 13A. This situation will be monitored to insure an equitable distribution of command assets.

b. The requirement for a personnel officer is recognized and USARV has attempted to fill this vacancy. A firm commitment was made by USARV 13 May 1967 to fill this position NLT 1 June 1967.

c. The medical officer programmed for assignment to this organization was hospitalized upon arrival in-country. The battalion was notified that Captain Smoko, who is scheduled to arrive 24 May 1967, will be diverted to the organization upon arrival in-country.

d. Survey and signal officers are short command wide. In this regard, a survey of all artillery battalions revealed that this organization has a more even distribution of officers than any battalion within this command.

3. (C) Reference Section II, Part II - RECOMMENDATIONS: Concur. Movement of Phu Hiep (3) and Phu Hiep (2) was considered by this headquarters at the request of Tuy Hoa Sub-Area Command and USARV. After a thorough review of all considerations and coordination with Tuy Hoa Sub-Area Command, it was recommended that Phu Hiep (3) be moved. The complete action was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, USAFSC, C B 9 April 1967 for necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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CAPTAIN, AGC
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 7 JUL 1967

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery, as indorsed.

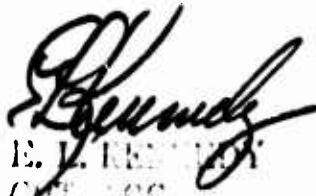
2. Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning personnel shortages, paragraph 5a, page 13, and paragraph 2a, 2d indorsement: Concur. The solution outlined by the Commanding General I Field Force Vietnam represents the only practical alternative pending an adequate flow of MOS 13B40, E6 replacements. Resources are being diverted on a pro-rata basis upon arrival in this command.

b. Reference item concerning immediate need for a personnel warrant officer, surgeon, reconnaissance and survey officer and a signal corps officer, paragraph 5b, page 13: A Unit Personnel Technician was assigned to the battalion on 7 June 1967, a surgeon was assigned on 28 May 1967, a signal corps lieutenant will be assigned prior to 30 June 1967, and a reconnaissance and survey officer is on requisition with a requested arrival date of 1 August 1967.

c. Reference item concerning the relocation of villages and base camp security, page 15, and paragraph 3, 2d indorsement: MACV Directive 405-1 and USARV and 1st Logistical Command Regulation 405-1 delineates policies and procedures for the acquisition of real estate and the decision to relocate the village(s), will be based on operational requirements of the tenant units. This headquarters will inform the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery of the proper procedures to be used to acquire the desired real estate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


E. L. REMOND
CPT, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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Professionals)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 20 JUL 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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